GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Launch of Swayam Project
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a project Swayam which allows students to choose online courses from another University due to dissatisfaction with the teaching in their college;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the objective behind the move;
(c) whether the Government also plans to roll out number of courses under the programme;
(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these courses will be launched;
(e) whether the Government has also held meeting with authorities from the University Grants Commission and All India Council for Technical Education and State Universities to sort out all the concerns with regard to the project; and
(f) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMIRTI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam, the proposed project SWAYAM is intended to provide 'Massive Open Online Courses' (MOOCs) to the students across the Country, and thereby expand the reach of best quality education to students using the ICT tools.
(c) & (d) It is proposed to roll out 500 Courses before academic year 2016-17, and expand the same to 2,000 courses over a period of time.
(e) & (f) The University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) have been asked to put in place a regulatory framework that allows recognition and transfer of credits from MOOCs to conventional education.
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